



**PATENT**

Atty. Docket No.:2081CON2CIPCON(203-2400CON2CIPCON)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Buysse et al. Parent Examiner: Roy Gibson  
Serial No.: 10/736,180 Parent Group: Art Unit 3739  
Filed: December 15, 2003 Dated: February 25, 2004  
For: BIPOLAR ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT  
FOR SEALING VESSELS

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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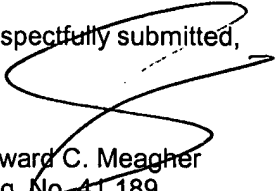
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.